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1. SOVIET EAST BERLIN EMB COUNSELLOR KHOTULEV
CALLED ON BRITISH (CHAIRMAN)POLAD OCT 21 TO DELIVER
ANTICIPATED PROTEST ON WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY THAT
LOCAL PRESS HAS ACCORDED VYATKIN CASE AND
ASSOCIATED SOVIET INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN WEST
BERLIN.

BEGIN TEXT : AS IS EVIDENTLY WELL KNOWN TO YOU
EXTENSIVE REPORTS RELATING TO THE SO-CALLED
DISCLOSURES ABOUT A MEMBER OF A SOVIET INSTITUTION
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IN WEST BERLIN BY THE WEST GERMAN LFV DEPARTMENT HAVE

APPEARED IN WEST BERLIN PRESS. AS IS PROBABLY ALSO KNOWN TO YOU, JUDGING FROM THESE REPORTS, CERTAIN WEST BERLIN PUBLICATIONS WILL DEVELOP A VAST ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AGAINST SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WHICH WERE CREATED AND ARE FUNCTIONING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

AS A RESULT OF WHAT IS STATED ABOVE THE SOVIET SIDE CONSIDERS IT IS NECESSARY TO CONFIRM THE VIEW EXPRESSED TO THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN ITS STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 14, AND TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THAT IT REGARDS THE ACTIONS AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET REPRESENTATION IN WEST BERLIN AS AN UNFRIENDLY AND ILL-DISPOSED ACT. THE CONDUCT OF SOME WEST BERLIN PRESS ORGANS DURING THE LAST DAYS COMPELS US ALSO TO DIRECT THE ATTENTION OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE FACT THAT, DESPITE OUR TALK OF OCTOBER 14, DURING WHICH THE SOVIETS WERE TOLD THAT THE THREE POWERS WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE APPEARANCE OF THE PRESS REPORTS RELATING TO THE QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION, A SENSATION HAS BEEN CAUSED IN THE WESTERN PRESS IN A SPIRIT SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE COLD WAR TIMES. THE SOVIET SIDE CANNOT AGREE WITH THE ASSERTION ABOUT AN UNCONTROLLED PRESS WHICH HAS BEEN PRODUCED AS AN EXCUSE FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED CAMPAIGN SINCE IT DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE ACTUAL POSITION AND MORE PARTICULARLY, TO THE PREROGATIVES WHICH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL IN WEST BERLIN AS FAR AS QUESTIONS OF STATUS AND SECURITY ARE CONCERNED. MENTION MUST ALSO BE MADE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS OPENLY ADMITTED IN REPORTS OF THE WEST BERLIN PRESS THAT WEST GERMAN FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ILLEGALLY ACTING IN WEST BERLIN WERE PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN THE ORGANIZATION AND PROJECTION OF THIS FALSE CAMPAIGN AS WELL AS IN PROVOCATIVE WORK AGAINST THE STAFF OF SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN THIS CITY.

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THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ONLY FORCE THE SOVIET SIDE TO MAKE THE CORRESPONDING CONCLUSIONS AND CONSIDER THESE IN FUTURE IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREE POWERS IN WEST BERLIN, WHO TO ALL APPEARANCES DO NOT EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AS FAR AS STATUS AND SECURITY, AND THE LEGAL STATUS OF SOVIET ASSOCIATES WHO ARE

MEMBERS OF SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN WEST BERLIN ARE CONCERNED. THEREFORE, THE SOVIET SIDE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVISE ITS FORMER ATTITUDE TO THE SOLUTION OF SIMILAR CASES OF INCIDENTS WHICH COULD OCCUR IN THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR. END TEXT

2. KHOTULEV REMARKED IN CLOSING THAT IF WESTERN POWERS SAID THEY DID NOT CONTROL AUTHORITIES IN WEST BERLIN, SOVIETS MIGHT SAY THEY DID NOT CONTROL EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN GDR.

3. IN RESPONSE BRITISH POLAD UNDERSCORED THAT ALLIES HAD ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY IN WEST BERLIN WITH REGARD TO SECURITY AND POINTED OUT THAT WEST BERLIN PRESS REPORTS ADMITTED THAT LFV HERE WAS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE TO ALLIES. ALLIES DID NOT REGARD LFV AS FEDERAL BODY. POLAD ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE ALLIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY, THEY COULD NOT CONTROL PRESS AND WERE NOT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALISTS. HE HAD WARNED KHOTULEV OF THIS ON OCT 14 AND ADOMAITIS ON OCT 13. POLAD DREW KHOTULEV'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT BOTH ALLIES AND SENAT HAD REFUSED TO COMMENT ON STORIES IN WEST BERLIN PRESS AND THAT THEY WERE CERTAINLY NOT FEEDING THEM. WHEN STORM OF THIS SORT CAME UP IT WAS BEST TO DISCOURAGE IT AND HOPE IT WOULD BLOW OVER. ANY ATTEMPT BY ALLIES TO CONTROL PRESS, POLAD CONCLUDED, WOULD SIMPLY ENCOURAGE LATTER TO REPORT FURTHER.

4. WE ANTICIPATED SOVIETS MIGHT REACT IN THIS FASHION AND SEVERAL DAYS AGO TOOK PRECAUTIONARY
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MEASURE OF INSTRUCTING US PATROLS IN EAST BERLIN TO ACT WITH SPECIAL CAUTION.

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